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Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Further to the note verbale of the Secretary-General dated 19 December 2006, in which he invited Governments to submit their nominations for membership in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Secretary-General has received the nominations from their Governments of the following candidates for election to the Permanent Forum.[1]

African States

Simeon Adewale **Adekanye** (Nigeria)
Ali **Daouda** (Niger)
Liliane **Muzangi Mbella** (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Eastern European States

Merike **Kokajev** (Estonia)
A. A. **Nikiforov** (Russian Federation)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Carlos Mamani **Condori** (Bolivia)

Western European and other States

Bartolomé Clavero **Salvador** (Spain)
Carsten **Smith** (Norway)

2. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

[1] Information on the terms of office and pattern for election to the Permanent Forum of the eight members nominated by Governments is contained in document E/2007/9/Add.2.

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Simeon Adewale Adekanye (Nigeria)

Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York

Education and academic qualifications

1967-1970	BA (Hons) political science, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana
1975	Certificate in Portuguese, King's College, University of London, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Work experience

1971-2003	Foreign Service Officer, Nigerian Foreign Service
1992-1989	Served in Nigerian embassies in Washington, D.C., London and Guinea-Bissau
1989-2003	Served in various capacities including Assistant Director and Director in the Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lagos/Abuja
1991-2006	Appointed as Nigerian Ambassador to Austria (concurrent with accreditation as Permanent/Resident Representative to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Office at Vienna and the International Atomic Energy Agency), and Switzerland and currently Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, New York

Other relevant experience

Member of the Nigerian delegation to General Assembly sessions, summits including that of the Non-Aligned Movement, the Millennium Summit of the United Nations and conferences and meetings on Organization of African Unity (OAU) peacekeeping and the World Bank

United Nations languages spoken: English

Ali Daouda (Niger)

Research teaching fellow at Abdou Moumouni University, Niamey (Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences)

Education and academic qualifications

1991	Doctoral dissertation, Cocody University, Abidjan
1986-1987	Diplôme d'études approfondies (post-graduate diploma) in sociology
1984-1985	Maîtrise (master's degree)
1983-1984	Licence (bachelor's degree)
1982-1983	Diplôme universitaire d'études littéraires (diploma in letters, awarded after the first two years of university studies)

Work experience

1995	Research teaching fellow, Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Niamey
1996	Associate lecturer, Faculty of Economics and Law, Faculty of Agronomy, University of Niamey
1997-2000	Head of Department, Sociology Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Niamey
1999-2000	Technical Adviser, Private Office of the President, Office of the President of the Republic of the Niger
Since 2006	Technical Adviser, Private Office of the Minister, Ministry for Population and Social Action

Other relevant experience

- President of the student UNESCO Club at Abdou Moumouni University, Niamey (2002-2003)
- Founding member of the research group on vocational training in Africa, Dakar, African Centre for Higher Studies in Management (CESAG) (2002)
- Member of the 7th Thematic Network of the Union for African Population Studies (UAPS), Coordinator of the Niger team (2001)
- Member of the committee of independent experts of the special development programme of the Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie since 2000
- Founding member of the Réseau Sahélien d'Edition et de Publication (RESADEP) from 1993 to 1997, Coordinator in charge of the section for seminars and symposia
- Member of the think tank on the social security system of the Niger, part of the Economic Council project under the Ministry of Finance and Planning (1995)
- Member of the Euro-African Association for the Anthropology of Social Change and Development (APAD) (1991)

United Nations languages spoken: English, French

Liliane Muzangi Mbella (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

Education and academic qualifications

1963-1969	Primary studies at the Lycée du Sacré-Coeur, now the Lycée Bosangan, Kinshasa (Certificat d'études primaires) (certificate of primary studies)
1969-1972	Middle school studies at the Lycée du Sacré-Coeur, Kinshasa (Brevet du cycle d'orientation) (middle school certificate)
1973-1976	Humanities and literature, at the Lycée Kabambare (Ste Thérèse de Lisieux), Kinshasa: Specialization: Latin and philosophy (Diplôme d'Etat) (State diploma)
1976-1977	1er Gradué (first degree) in law. University of Kinshasa (formerly UNAZA)
1978-1982	Gradué (teaching qualification) from the Institut Supérieur Pédagogique (higher institute of teacher training), La Gombe, Kinshasa: Specialization: French and African linguistics

Work experience

1981-1982:	Teaching practice at the Lycée Kabambare, Kinshasa
1982-1983:	Teacher at the OSASE approved private school (formerly Bambinière)

Other relevant experience

Participation in the High-level meeting on HIV/AIDS; round table on orphans and children made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS (2005, New York)

Resource person at various regional and subregional seminars organized by United Nations bodies (2004-2006) on:

- Conflict resolution and management
- Protection of the rights of indigenous peoples
- Resource management
- Gender equality

Participation in the First World Francophone Indigenous Congress (2006) in Morocco

Participation in sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2005-2006)

United Nations languages spoken: French

Merike Kokajev (Estonia)

Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations in New York

Education and academic qualifications

1982	St. Petersburg State University
1996	École d'Administration publique, Paris

Work experience

1991-1992	Second Secretary, Protocol Department
1992-1995	Second Secretary, Embassy of Estonia in Brussels
1995-1998	Deputy Chief of Protocol, Protocol Department
1998-1999	Acting Chief of Protocol, Protocol Department
1999-2002	Duty Head, Permanent Mission of Estonia to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva
2002-2005	Director, Political Department, Division of International Organizations
2005-	Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the United Nations in New York

Other relevant experience

Ms. Kokajev has participated in the Commission on Human Rights, the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the Working Group to draft the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, and the open-ended intersessional ad hoc working group on a permanent forum for indigenous people; and is a current member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Honours: Commander of the Order of Merit of Norway; and Commander of the Order of Merit of Greece

United Nations languages spoken: English, French, Russian

A. A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation)

Deputy Director, Department of Humanitarian Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Education and academic qualifications

1981	Moscow State Institute of International Relations

Work experience

1982-1983	Embassy of the USSR in Jamaica
1983-1989	Attaché, Third Secretary, Latin American Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR
1989-1993	Third Secretary, Embassy of the USSR/Russian Federation in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana
1993-1995	First Secretary, Department of International Humanitarian and Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, member of the International Quadripartite Commission on Refugees in Georgia/Abkhazia
1995-1999	First Secretary, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York
1999-2002	Head of Division, Department of Compatriot Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
2002-2007	Counsellor, Senior Counsellor (Head of the Human Rights and Social Issues Division), Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York
2007-	Deputy Director, Department for Humanitarian Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Other relevant experience

Between 1993 and 2007, Mr. Nikiforov participated in the sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council, the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Council for the International Organization for Migration. He has also served on a number of committees and participated in meetings such as the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, the Conference on Refugees and Displaced Persons of the Territory of the Former Soviet Union, a session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

United Nations languages spoken: English, Russian, Spanish

Carlos Mamani Condori (Bolivia)

Academic, University of San Andrés, La Paz

Education and academic qualifications

1979-1987	History degree, University of San Andrés (UMSA)
1989-1991	International master's degree in Andean history, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences Ecuador branch (Quito)

Work experience

1988-1989	Research assistant, Institute of Historical Research and Bolivian Studies, UMSA
1990-1991	Field work in the Pilahuín community, Tungurahua province, Ecuador
1991-1993	Professor, Bolivian social education I (Sociology degree course, UMSA, La Paz)
1992-2005	Full professor, Pre-Columbian and colonial reality (Anthropology and archaeology degree course, UMSA, La Paz)
2004-2005	Director, Centre for Aymara Studies

Other relevant experience

Mr. Condori has taken part in a number of national, regional and multilateral events that have been organized to address the many issues constituting indigenous issues. In this context, he has taken up the cause of the defence and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and his contributions in this area have been used in the drafting of key legislative instruments at the national and regional levels. He has also written a number of articles and publications relating to indigenous issues and pre-Columbian cultures. The Government of Bolivia is convinced that, with this background, Mr. Condori will make a significant contribution to the tasks entrusted to the group of governmental experts, thereby ensuring that the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has before it concrete proposals yielding tangible results, in order to ensure, in turn, that the international community has the resources and guiding principles it requires to respond to the expectations and needs of the world's indigenous peoples.

United Nations languages spoken: Spanish

Bartolomé Clavero Salvador (Spain)

Professor/Head of Department

Education and academic qualifications

1969	Bachelor's degree in Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville
1972	Doctor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

Work experience

1969-1973	Assistant professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville
1973-1976	Associate professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville
1976-1980	Senior professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville
1988-1989	Professor/Head of Department, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cadiz
1989-present	Professor/Head of Department, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

Other relevant experience

Dr. Clavero, Professor/Head of Department at the University of Seville and Director of the programme entitled "Indigenous Peoples and Legal Multiculturalism" at the International University of Andalusia, is well known for his work on the research, promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, both nationally and internationally.

United Nations languages spoken: English, French

Carsten Smith (Norway)

Professor of Law, President of the University of Oslo (1993-1998), and Former Chief justice of the Supreme Court of Norway

Education and academic qualifications

1956	Law degree, University of Oslo
1956	Attorney
1964	Doctor juris

Work experience

1957	Assistant Professor
1960	Deputy Judge, Associate Professor
1964-1991	Professor of Law, University of Oslo
1987, 1989-1990	Supreme Court Justice (temporary)
1991-2002	Chief Justice

Other relevant experience

Chairman, Law Commission on agency, Central Bank Law Commission, Law Commission on interest on payments, Commission for revising the law on private banks; Chairman of Saami Rights Commission, Commission on human rights in Norwegian legislation; special adviser to the Commission for general revision of banking and monetary law; Chairman of the Commission for reviewing the Norwegian court system; Chairman on Nordic Saami Rights Convention; Chairman of the Commission on fishing rights in the ocean north of Norway. Has lectured at a number of universities, been editor-in-chief of legal journals and member and chairman of a number of committees dealing with the organization of research and education.

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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

The Secretary-General has received a nomination from the Government of China for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues[1] for the following candidate: Xiaomei **Qin**. Biographical information on Ms. Qin is provided in the annex.

[1] See E/2007/9/Add.8 for information on other candidates nominated by Governments.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae: Asian State candidate

Name: Ms. Xiaomei **Qin**

Nationality: Chinese

Education and academic qualifications

1959-1964: B.A. in literature and linguistics, Beijing University

Professional career

1964-1990: Dept. of International Organizations and Conferences/Dept. of African Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1970-1977: Chinese Embassy in Kenya

1983-1985: Chinese Embassy in Lesotho

1993-1995: Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations

1995-1997: Dept. of International Organizations and Conference, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China

1997-1998: Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China

1998-2001: Chinese Embassy in the United States of America

1995: Foreign Affairs College of China

2001: United Nations Association of China

2003: Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Other relevant experience

Ms Qin has participated in a number of international meetings, such as:

World Intellectual Property Organization annual sessions (Geneva)

International Labour Organization annual sessions (Geneva)

Commission on the Status of Women annual sessions (Vienna)

Economic and Social Council annual sessions (New York)

International Civil Aviation Organization annual sessions (Montreal)

International Committee of the Red Cross General Assembly sessions (Geneva)

Interpol World Conference (Istanbul)

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues annual sessions (New York)

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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

The Secretary-General has received a nomination from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues[1] for the following candidate: Paimaneh **Hasteh**. Biographical information on Ms. Hasteh is provided in the annex.

[1] See E/2007/9/Add.8 and 9 for information on other candidates nominated by Governments.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae: Asian State candidate

Name: Ms. Paimaneh **Hasteh**

Nationality: Iranian

Education and academic qualifications

1988:	Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Health, Wayne State University, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions, Detroit, United States of America
1986:	Postgraduate study, Environmental Sciences, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, United States
1985:	Bachelor of Science, Environmental Sciences, University of Kansas, United States

Professional career

2003-present:	Special Adviser, Human rights and social affairs, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, New York
2000-2003:	Director, Department of Human Rights and Women's Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Tehran
1998-2000:	Director, Department of International Social Affairs and Women, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Tehran
1993-1998:	Adviser to the Mayor of Tehran on Environmental Affairs
1992-1998:	Managing Director, Air Quality Control Company, Tehran
1995-1997:	Instructor, Environmental Studies, Azad University, Tehran
1991-1992:	Director, Department of Air Pollution Control, Traffic Control Company, Tehran

Other relevant experience

2007:	Forty-fifth session of the Commission on Social Development (New York); fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York)
2006:	Fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York); meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (New York); Third Committee, sixtieth session of the General Assembly (New York)
1998-2005:	Annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York); meetings of the Third Committee of the General Assembly (New York)
2000:	Joint meeting on dialogue between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Finland on human rights and women (Helsinki)

2000-2003:	Annual sessions of the Commission of Human Rights (Geneva)
2003:	Joint meeting on human rights between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the European Union (Brussels)
2002:	Joint meeting on human rights between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the European Union (Tehran)
2001:	United Nations Development Programme meeting of eminent persons of Central and South Asia on environment and energy (Bishkek)
1997:	Symposium: Religion, Science and the Environment, Symposium II, "The Black Sea in Crisis"
1992-1996:	Focal point at the expert group meetings held by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on in-use motor vehicle inspection for emission control in the Asia-Pacific region

Official United Nations languages spoken

Arabic and English